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SUMMARY. PANAMA HAS NOT YET COMMUNICATED WITH OAS CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RAISED MATTER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAVE GAINED IMPRESSION FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AGREE WITH OUR VIEWS. THE NAMES OF MEMBER OF PANAMA'S DELEGATION ARE PROVIDED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. EMOFF HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RAISED SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW WITH JUVENAL CASTRELLON, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS TWICE (SEPTEMBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 13) MADE DETAILED REPRESENTATIONS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL. CASTRELLON EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEW THAT ELEVEN ITEMS ARE TOO MANY TO BE HANDLED EFFECTIVELY DURING THE MEETING AND ALSO EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE TOPICS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF REFTEL ARE TOPICS DESERVING OF PRIORITY TREATMENT. HOWEVER, IN NOVEMBER 13 MEETING HE SIAD PANAMA HAD NOT

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COMMUNICATED WITH OAS CONCERNING THE MATTER. HE SAID "SOME

PEOPLE" IN MINISTRY FELT THIS WAS A MATTER FOR THE OAS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO DECIDE. EMOFF AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT IF PARTICIPANTS COULD AGREE AHEAD OF TIME ON MOST APPROPRIATE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION MUCH UNNECESSARY EFFORT COULD BE AVOIDED BY ALL CONCERNED. CASTRELLON PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH MINISTER TACK CONCERNING THE MATTER AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS.

3. PANAMA'S DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUAN MATERNO VASQUEZ. OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE: LIC. NARKPSO GARAY, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL ADVISOR; DR. JORGE ILLUECA, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND A PROMINENT LAWYER; DIOGENES DE LA ROSA, ADVISOR ON CANAL TREATY AFFAIRS AND HISTORY PROFESSOR; LIC. ROBERTO KRAUS AND AURELIO CORREA, UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA LAW PROFESSORS; EFEBO DIAZ HERRERA, GOVERNOR OF VERAGUAS PROVINCE AND COUSIN OF GENERAL TORRIJOS; LIBORIO GARCIA ARAUZ, LAWYER; EMETERIO MULLER, PRESIDENT OF PANAMA'S BAR ASSOCIATION; ROBERTO DIAZ, PAST PRESIDENT OF BAR ASSOCIATION; AND LAWYERS DARIO ARROYO, ANDRES ALEMENDRAL AND RICARDO VILLAREAL.

4. COMMENT. PANAMA'S DELEGATION IS HIGH LEVEL AND CLOSELY LINKED TO GOP POLICY LEVELS. MATERNO VASQUEZ, PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT OF SUPREME COURT, WAS THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE. PRESENCE OF ILLUECA AND DE LA ROSA MAY INDICATE SOME MENTION OF CANAL ISSUE WILL BE MADE DURING CONFERENCE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CASTRELLON CONCERNING THE AGENDA TOPICS.  
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